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In re Patent Application of:
Takayuki ONIKI et al.

Application No.: 10/584,192

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Art Unit: N/A

For: NONAQUEOUS GEL COMPOSITION FOR
TOOTH WHITENING AND TOOTH
WHITENING SET

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of the above-identified application on June 23, 2006, attached hereto is an English translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/409) that should be made of record in the present application.

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additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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ON PATENTABILITY
(CHAPTER I OR CHAPTER II
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(PCT Rules 44bis.3(c) and 72.2)

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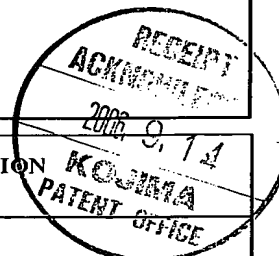
PCT/JP2004/019344

International filing date (day/month/year)

24 December 2004 (24.12.2004)

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IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

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(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FAP-4113	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/JP2004/019344	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 24 December 2004 (24.12.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 26 December 2003 (26.12.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant LION CORPORATION			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 *bis*.1(a).

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

In the attached sheets, any reference to the written opinion of the International Searching Authority should be read as a reference to the international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) instead.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. VI | Certain documents cited |
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4. The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

☐ a sequence listing

☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

☐ in written format

☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

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☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	1-9	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations:			
<p>Document 1: WO 2002/026196 A1 (PATACCA, Tomas, R.) 04 April 2002, claims; page 4, lines 8-26</p> <p>Document 2: JP 10-203942 A (Kao Corp.) 04 August 1998, claims; Par. No. [0018]</p> <p>Document 3: JP 11-92350 A (Kao Corp.) 06 April 1999, claims; Par. Nos. [0029], [0037]</p> <p>Document 4: JP 2001-181139 A (Yugen Kaisha Tiesute) 03 July 2001, claims</p> <p>(1) The inventions of claims 1-9 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-3.</p> <p>Document 1 describes, as a composition for coating a tooth, a substance in which a film forming polymer, a solvent, and a rheology modifier are blended, and it gives as an example, ethylene glycol as a solvent.</p> <p>Document 2 describes a tooth coating agent in which shellac, cellulose ether and a solvent are blended, and it discloses a lower alcohol such as isopropanol as a solvent.</p> <p>Document 3 describes a tooth coating agent in which a polymer having a carboxyl group and a lower alcohol are blended, and it describes a possibility of blending a viscosity control agent.</p> <p>In documents 1-3, selecting a favorable solvent and using a viscosity control agent would be easy for a party skilled in the art.</p> <p>(2) The inventions of claims 1-9 do not appear to involve an inventive step based on documents 1-4.</p> <p>Document 4 describes a tooth filming agent in which propylene glycol, shellac, and glycerin fatty acid ester are blended.</p> <p>In the descriptions in documents 1-3, attempting to blend the cellulose ether and rheology modifier that are used in a tooth filming agent for the purpose of viscosity control in consideration of the inventions would be easy for a party skilled in the art.</p>			

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Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

< The subject of the examination >

Concerning claims 1, 5-9

In the tooth whitening component (A) and the substance that is soluble in the tooth whitening component and is precipitated by an aqueous solution of calcium chloride (B) of claims 1 and 5-9, component (A) encompasses an extremely vast variety of components showing tooth whitening effect, and similarly component (B) that corresponds to component (A) also encompasses wide variety of substances.

However, as components (A) and (B), the components disclosed in the sense of PCT Article 5 are the specific components described in the specification and they are not fully supported in the sense of PCT Article 6.

Therefore, this written opinion was created based on the result of the examination which was conducted for the components (A) and (B) specifically described in the specification.